

A Vacant Chair.

The death of W. W. Stow leaves a place which will not be easy to fill. One is often told that the world can get along just as well without him as with him. Whether it applies in this case does not matter so much with the world as with the parties he was in immediate contract with. That they will get along without him is a matter of fact if they get along at all. The position he occupied was one which took years to get into. It is not a place that anyone can step into on a day's notice. Mr. Stow commenced at the lower end of the ladder and gradually worked himself into a position where the work is not written but handed down as it were, by word of mouth.

A man must have natural advantages to become a leader among politicians. These fell to Mr. Stow's lot. He got early experience in the legislative councils where most of his work was afterward performed. With the initiatory degree he pretty soon acquired a backing which the prestige of is sufficient to give one man an immense political power when properly handled. Mr. Stow was a man always cool, self possessed, of good knowledge and judgement of men, reserved in his manner, and yet cordial enough to become magnetic with men.

The backing referred to above was the fact that he was working in the interests of the California railroads. When the wherewithal was wanted for anything that would tend their companies interests, it was always to be had and it was not put forth with a stingy hand. One of his early lessons was never to attempt to bore an auger hole with a gimlet. He drove the nail home with one blow and that part of the job was finished.

Starting in years ago gradually one by one of the leaders of the different factions felt that they wanted his advice and he wanted their assistance. It was mutual and the differences were always easily and amicably settled. Could inside history be got at it would be found that Mr. Stow controlled the election of more officers of the State and Federal Government for nearly a quarter of a century back than any half a dozen men in the State ever did before or ever will again. It may be said that this one or that one will take Mr. Stow's place. Some one may nominally be called the political worker for the interests of the Southern Pacific Railroad, but that will only mean a nominal head. It will have nothing to do with the working portion of it. Some years from now some one may arise, who has had constant workings with the political element of the State and has a strong money backing to take a seat on the foot-stool of the vacant chair. As for that it cannot ever be filled again as it were by W. W. Stow.

Lawrence Louis Stein of Berkeley, aged 28 years, and Dora Reismann of Berkeley, aged 28 years, have taken out a license to be married.

Regents' Meeting.

At the quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents held on Monday at the Hopkins Art Gallery the following named gentlemen were present: Messrs. Bartlett, Hallidie, Martin, Marye, Wallace, Foote, Black, Miller and Rogers were present. Regent Wallace presided in the absence of Governor Budd. A loan of \$10,000 was made on recommendation of the Finance Committee, to Charles Jurgins, the security being Real Estate in Oakland. Interest was charged at the rate of 8 per cent.

Hereafter the privileges of the library at Berkeley will be given to students of the affiliated colleges upon their filing certificates of their standing and depositing five dollars with the librarian. Steps will be taken to light the Library building with electricity from the University's plant. When that is done the library will be kept open evenings.

S. P. Huntington, an instructor in the languages, tendered his resignation and it was accepted. The degree of bachelor of letters was conferred upon Warren Estelle Lloyd and Seymour Waterhouse and the degree of bachelor of arts upon Minnie Beatrice Reynolds.

Professor Edward L. Green, botany, will leave the University at the end of the year, and upon his recommendation. Instructor Willis L. Jephson was granted leave of absence, with full pay, until July next, to go East and pursue a course at Cornell preparatory to succeeding Professor Green.

There is a great lack of water on the University grounds for irrigation purposes, although efforts to obtain it had been made by the Regents for the last fifteen years. Regent Rogers said that Professor Green had suggested that evergreen plants, indigenous to California could be planted in certain parts to relieve the monotony of the barrenness, and moved that the committee on grounds and the Finance Committee be instructed to look into the matter and given power to act. He also said that the grounds of the noblest University in America were a disgrace to the Board of Regents. An amendment was made to the motion giving the Committee authority to employ a landscape gardener and then passed.

Dr. Eugene West, who was convicted of the murder of Addie Gilmore, has been allowed a new trial by the Supreme Court. Judge Wallace erred in not allowing certain testimony to go in. The Judge's decision was that what the witness would have testified to was privileged between a doctor and his patient. It turns out that this does not apply to criminal cases, hence the decision of the upper Court.

The United States Court of Claims has decided that the letter carriers are entitled to extra pay for extra hours of labor. It will take a pretty large amount of money to pay all the claims brought under this head.

Health Resorts for Poor City Children.

An association has been formed in San Francisco for the purpose of giving children who reside in that city a chance to get some good, fresh, country air. Many of the poorer class of children do not know what such a thing is until quite along in years. They live in the dust and smoke and bad smells of a city and in consequence disease is settled upon them in early life.

In Eastern cities, such as New York, Chicago, Boston and other very thickly settled communities, of late years societies have been formed to accomplish the above purpose. Farms are taken in the country and filled up for the enjoyment and healthy exercise of the poorer class of children and batches of them are taken, in turn, to these places and given a couple of weeks of country life. Even this small time brings health and color to the cheeks of the little ones and gives them strength to battle with the bad odors of the city during the rest of the year.

This kind of missionary work should receive public support. As the city grows larger the need of something of the kind will be more demanded. Health resorts for poor city children should be established and it is to be hoped that the above mentioned society may meet with the success it deserves in this good intention.

The Two R's.

Retrenchment and Reform are real good sounding words, but get contemptuous when used to cover up extravagance and debauchery. When the present Legislature assembled the two R's were flung into the air with a great deal of gusto. From the outlook now there is still a great deal of air about them. The special committee made a report cutting down the employment of unnecessary attaches, and when the bill comes up the San Francisco members proceed immediately to knock it out in the first round, or put it to sleep so soundly that it will not be likely to wake up again during the present session.

There are several good, well-intentioned men doing duty in San Francisco, but they are over-balanced by the boodlers, particularly when it comes to a viva voce vote. If this class cannot be set down upon let them be put on record on every bill which comes before the Legislature, and then if the representatives of the people are found connubiating against the interests of the public, their constituents will have written documents to burn them up with on their native heath.

The people hope that the present fad of Retrenchment and Reform will reach and permeate the State Capitol between now and the sixth of March, but it seems like hoping hope.

In Nevada the right of women's suffrage was defeated in the House.

Legislature's Doings.

An appropriation of \$19,300 for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of Berkeley has passed the Assembly.

L. L. Bromwell is in Sacramento looking after the interests of the Marine Insurance Companies.

Railroad lobbyists in Sacramento were very much depressed when the death of W. W. Stow was announced.

Senator Ear introduced a bill which declares the eschscholtzia or golden poppy to be the State flower of California.

Chairman Phelps of the Retrenchment Committee will introduce a bill to abolish the Viticultural and Horticultural Commissions.

Senator Mahoney has introduced another bill in relation to the sales of wines and liquors. The maximum license is fixed at \$300.

The new bill in relation to County governments has caused county officers from all parts of the State to get into Sacramento as quickly as possible.

Senator Withington, on behalf of the Committee on County Government and Town organization, introduced his new bill yesterday in relation to the whole scheme of County Government.

The customary Insurance certificate bills are before the Legislature. From appearances the outcome will be a tax of one per cent upon the net incomes which will go to the school fund, possibly, however, to the general fund.

It looks now as if the anti-cigarette bill would become a law of the land. It has passed the Senate and yesterday the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly recommended its passage. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to make, sell, give away or in any way dispose of cigarettes.

The coming woman had an inning yesterday. Ladies were in full attendance. In the first fight which was upon the proposed amendment of Reed, (D) of Weaverville to restrict the voting privileges to males. This was defeated by a vote of 48 to 33. The bill has now gone to engrossment and will take its place with other bills awaiting a third reading. It now looks as if the bill would pass easily as a Republican measure.

Senator Seymour has introduced a bill in the Senate requiring boards of supervisors, common councils, trustees, or other governing bodies of counties, cities and towns, to fix the price of electricity and gas used for illuminating purposes on a basis of allowing 6 per cent. income to the companies on the capital invested, exclusive of the real estate and personal property. The same provisions apply to telephone companies. A constitutional amendment offered by Senator Hart goes still further and is much stronger for accomplishing the same purpose.

A movement is on foot in San Francisco for the relief of unemployed women. The idea is that there should be provided for the unemployed women, such as clerks, stenographers, typewriters, dressmakers, and others in similar avocations, a home, or exchange, where they may secure lodgings and meals at nominal prices, and pay for the same with their labor or the product of their labor.

The old saying of "Chickens come home to roost" was illustrated yesterday in the Dean case. In a humorous mood one day this gang of counterfeiters had a photograph of themselves taken while at work in the engraving room. Although the negative was destroyed one of the pictures was found and will be used as evidence.

Mrs. Louise Worthington, who was convicted of the murder of Harry Baddley, in 1892, has been granted a new trial by the Supreme Court. The principal witness, Annie Kelley, has died since her conviction, and consequently the accused may get clear when a new trial takes place.

Arthur Brown for many years in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company and who laid out the plans originally for the new ferry building at the foot of Market street in San Francisco, is reported to have been appointed as an expert as to the quality of the work performed.

A draft of the articles of incorporation of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad has been submitted to a committee. One provision is that the road shall start from San Francisco or some contiguous point on the bay and shall run easterly and southerly to Bakersfield.

In consequence of the city of Vallejo's constructing their own water works the Chabot Water Company, which has been in existence some twenty five years has given up business and is now taking up its pipes.

A California Company including a well known capitalist, has been formed for the purpose of laying a wire cable between California and the Hawaiian Islands.

In Arizona the House has passed by a two-thirds vote the right of women suffrage.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature to prevent marriages by contract.

A countryman, upon coming to see sights, was taken by a town friend to see the theatre. When the lights were down and the play commenced, he was offered the use of an opera-glass. Examining it as closely as the darkness of the place would admit, he placed it to his mouth and turned it upward. Finding that no liquid was coming out of it he handed it back in despair, saying, "It's empty, John; there's no a single dray in't."

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AWAITING THE RESULT.

An ordinance compelling all passenger trains on the main line railroad to come to a stop when reaching Delaware street in West Berkeley has been passed by the Board of Trustees of the town.

An ordinance for the same purpose had been passed before but it would not hold water, hence the new one. As the company fought the first one they will be likely to do the same thing with the present one. Whether they will be as able to demolish that one now on the statue books as the other remains to be seen. It is presumed that Town Attorney Graber drew up the present law so that there are loop holes for escape in it.

There may be other ways by which the Railroad Company can evade what the town of Berkeley was designing to arrive at besides fighting the ordinance. In many of the States there is a law which forces one railroad when crossing another to make its engines come to a dead stop before crossing. This is for the purpose of preventing accidents. In Oakland this law is followed out on Seventh street, where the Southern Pacific's track crosses that of the narrow gauge.

The intention of this ordinance was really to make a stopping station at West Berkeley, where passengers for any part of Berkeley could either go on board or get off from the cars. This would save the time of going to Sixteenth street station in Oakland and then returning back by the East and West Berkeley locals and paying an extra fare beside. Now it is quite possible that the Railroad Company, if it cannot get around the present ordinance, will make a "know nothing" stop, that is the train will actually make a dead stop, but start up again so quick that passengers, unless uncommonly spry, would not have the time to get on or off, and possibly the company might refuse to let passengers do this from the fact that Delaware street is not a way station, according to their list on the route.

A rumor has been in circulation that if this ordinance is enforced the company would discontinue the running of the West Berkeley local train. Again it has been said that when the local electric road from East to West Berkeley should get in running order so that the travel, which would go through a station at West Berkeley, amounted to enough to make it pay, the trains would all stop there.

There are two things pretty sure in this matter. One of them is that all travelers, eastward or northward bound, who live about Berkeley, would be greatly accommodated if they could board or get off the trains at West Berkeley, and the other is

that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company will not make West Berkeley a way station for their main line travel until they are actually forced to, without the policy under which they have been acting for a quarter of a century has been changed.

The community will now await with more or less anxiety to know what the Railroad Company will do. Every year the population of Berkeley is increasing, probably faster than any town of its size in the State, and it is beginning to feel that it is large enough to demand at least as good traveling accommodations as are afforded elsewhere. When the new San Joaquin Valley road is built and opened up for business it may be found by the present railroad company that it has antagonized the feelings of the community to altogether too great an extent. The public awaits.

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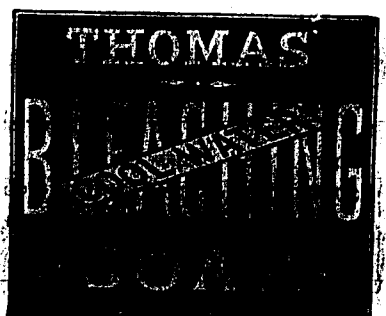
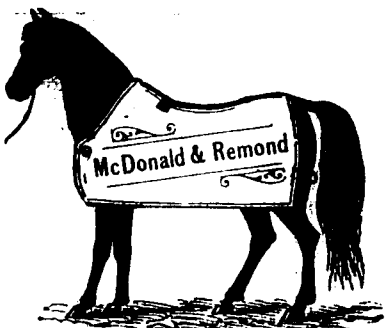
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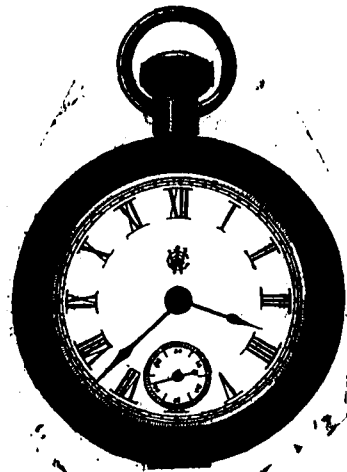
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H. S. Aldrich to William F. Howlett, lot 11, block 177, Grayson tract; also, all interest as to purchase of lots 10 and 11, block 177, Grayson tract.

William F. Howlett to Mary A. same as above.

J. F. and Harriet Davis to Henry Alenfeld, lot 9, block N, Harmon tract.

William A. and Harriet W. Resenpark and W. E. Sell have deeded to Nellie P., wife of C. S. Batterman, a portion of lot 7, block 5, College Homestead tract.

Everybody is now in line for the San Joaquin Valley Railroad. Towns on the line and those that want to be are swelling the crowd. It is not the building of the road but the direction in which it shall run and end is what many are fighting for now.

The large amount of rain which fell night before last filled the Berryman reservoir. It was easily relieved, however, by the use of a few hydrants.

Railroad Committee Meeting.

Last evening in the Town Hall the committee appointed by President Acton, at the Mass Meeting held last Saturday evening, met, and, after informally discussing various matters, pertinent to the occasion, considered the best thing to do was to appoint a sub-committee of six, which could be better handled than a larger one, for the purpose of finding out, as far as possible, what the interested people of Berkeley would do in relation to making a proposition to the Executive Committee of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad; also, to interview the leading managers of the enterprise and see if they would entertain any proposition from Berkeley, and in fact to learn as much as possible about what would be wanted from the property owners of this side of the bay. The following gentlemen were appointed as the sub-committee, President Acton and Secretary Preble acting ex-officio as members: F. K. Shattuck, Reuben Rickard, Charles A. Bayley, E. F. Niehaus, J. L. Barker and Mr. Dobbins.

The idea, which was advanced at the mass meeting, of building a mole to deep water and leasing it to the company as long as the corporation runs, seemed to meet with a great deal of favor among the members of the committee. Probably the committee will find out what is wanted by the railroad people and then cut the garment according to their cloth. The committee finally adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

The celebrated suit of the city of Oakland against the Oakland Water Front Company is now on for argument in Judge Ogden's Court. Counsel for the city are W. R. Davis, E. J. Pringle and H. A. Powell. For the defense J. C. Martin and Harvey Brown are engaged. The opening argument is being made by H. A. Powell.

Mrs. E. Davega has moved her stationery and variety store from Sixth and Delaware streets, to the corner of Fifth street and University avenue. The new store has been nicely fitted with all sorts of goods. Mrs. Davega will be pleased to see her old customers as well as new ones at the new store.

Capitalists in Oakland who have been recently interviewed upon the subject report the money market in a much easier condition and that all the money wanted can be obtained upon real estate or other good security.

Henry W. Taylor is supplying a deal of lumber nowadays to builders and it takes numerous vessels to keep that supply up. Today there are two vessels discharging cargos of building material upon his wharf.

An attempt was made last night to burn the Market Street Congregational Church in Oakland. Coal oil was used but owing to dampness the wood was only charred. The church is not quite completed as yet.

C. R. Bennett, whose name became somewhat notorious, was convicted a little while ago of an assault with a deadly weapon upon George Gray. He is trying to get a new trial.

Several boats of Berkeley's fishing fleet were anchored off in the bay towards Butchertown this morning.

Laying of sidewalks for several blocks on the south side of Addison street and East of the Catholic church will be a very great public convenience both in wet and dry weather.

The trial of Bailey for malicious mischief, which consisted of breaking car windows, was set in Judge Lord's Court at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

What has become of the liquor license question which used to be so much talked about? Have our city fathers given it the go by?

A young man is giving himself up to the agreeable occupation of ridiculing his uncle. "Confound it! what does the old guy dye his hair in that preposterous fashion for?" is his remark just as his venerable relative enters the room. "Sir," says the uncle, in a voice conveying the idea of codicils and alterations of wills, "if men of my age are compelled to dye, it is because men of your age, sir, have no respect for gray hairs."

"What did you do with that letter that was on my table?" asked Gus De Smith of the colored boy who cleans up his room. "I tuck it to the post-office, sah, and put it in de hole." "What did you do that for? Did you not see that there was no address on the envelope?" "I saw dar was no writin' on de 'velope, but I lowed yer did dat ar on purposs, so I couldn't tell who yer was a writin' to. I'se an educated negro, I is."

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